

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In response to the examiner's statement that claims 9-11, 13, 15-16, 18 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim, applicant has amended claims 9,11, 13, 15, 18, 19, and 20. Claims 9-11, 13, 15-16, 18 and 20 are all in allowable form.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-2, 4, 5, 12, 14 and 19 under 35 USC 103(a) for being obvious over US5745684 to Oskouy in view of US20060120282 to Carlson, applicant traverses the rejection. More specifically, the combination of Oskouy and Carlson does not disclose "wherein the first handshake procedure and the second handshake procedure occur at least partially simultaneously" as recited in amended claims 1 and 4, thus, claims 1 and 4 are allowable. Also, claims 2, 5, 12, 14 and 19 are dependent on claims 1 or 4 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

In response to the rejection of claims 5 and 17 under 35 USC 103(a) for being obvious over US5745684 to Oskouy in view of US20060120282 to Carlson and further in view of US6182183 to Wingard, applicant traverses the rejection. More specifically, the combination of Oskouy and Carlson and Wingard does not disclose "wherein the first handshake procedure and the second handshake procedure occur at least partially simultaneously" as recited in amended claim 4. Claims 5 and 17 are dependent on claim 4 and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 4.

In response to the rejection of claims 6 and 7 under 35 USC

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103(a) for being obvious over US5745684 to Oskouy in view of US20060120282 to Carlson and further in view of US20030065862 to Wyland, applicant traverses the rejection. More specifically, the combination of Oskouy and Carlson and Wyland does not disclose "wherein the first handshake procedure and the second handshake procedure occur at least partially simultaneously" as recited in amended claims 1 and 4. Claims 6 and 7 are dependent on claims 1 and 4 respectively, and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 4.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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